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### A Penny for your Thoughts

Girl Scout Troops in the area are looking for sponsors and service projects. Five women in Girl Scout activities were asked this question: "What type of service projects are need for the Girl Scout Troops?"

Mrs. W. E. Walton, 1415 Acacia, Harbor District Training Coordinator:

"Girl Scouts need to do things which are beneficial to the community. It is important for them to have this relationship. They should have projects that are challenging. Their whole program is aimed at higher ideals."

Mrs. B. C. Riggs, 2542 Lesserman, Junior High Leader and neighborhood chairman: "I think these girls need stimulating projects to help develop their character, pride, and respect for other people whether groups or individuals. Worthwhile projects improve our girls and help them advance in life to be outstanding citizens with good futures."

Mrs. F. C. Barnett, 1408 Fern Ave., Brownie Leader: "Service projects for the Brownies have to be at their own age level. They are very limited as to what they can do, which does not mean they are not enthusiastic about projects. They have enjoyed visiting shut-ins very much, one of their activities."

Mrs. W. W. Nation, 2538 Lesserman, Co-Leader, Intermediate group: "Our scope is more advanced than the Brownies. Our girls are in the 10 to 12 year age bracket. It would be nice if the city parks department could find a planting or beautifying the parks project. They could work in groups with their leaders on something of this sort. They also could make trips to convalescent homes."

Mrs. L. H. Voien, 1724 Hickory, Senior High Leader and troop organizer:

"We can do more activity-wise than the younger groups of girls. Our girls are assisting the Torrance Chapter of the American Red Cross in publicizing the forthcoming visit of the Bloodmobile. The Recreation Dept. has been asked on special holidays to have the Scouts help with programs at parks. We want people to call us and let us know what we can do to serve the community."



**B-I-E SPEAKER . . .** Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, president of El Camino College, will address the morning session of teachers and business and industry leaders at the annual Business-Industry-Education Day event at Torrance High School at 9 a.m., March 17. He has been El Camino's president since 1958.

### 'King David' Concert Due At College

"King David" by Arthur Honneger will be given its initial South Bay performance by the Los Cancioneros choral organization under the direction of Mrs. Tom Mabin at the El Camino College Campus Theater Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

"Merits of the musical program are two fold," Mrs. Harold Bothwell, chairman of Los Cancioneros stated. "It will provide a scholarship fund of \$200 for an El Camino student to continue musical studies at advanced levels, and, secondly, it shows the close desire that exists between the college and the community in the preparation of music as a force of education and entertainment within the area."

**NOTEWORTHY** aspects of the "King David" performance will be its presentation in English and not French, as it the two existing recordings, and (Continued on Page 2)

### Two 1500-Ton Presses Due For Facility

Addition of two 1500-ton aluminum extrusion presses to the operating facilities at the Reynolds Metals Co. plant here has been authorized, it was reported this week.

A building permit with a valuation of \$117,000 was issued to the firm by the city's building department for the construction of the building to house the presses, and for an administrative facility. The two Watson-Stillman presses of the latest design will be installed in the facility taken over by the aluminum firm from the Pacific Electric Ry. The site for many years was the PE car shops where the old Red Cars and the railroad's freight cars were repaired.

### Local Man To Travel To Orient To Orient

Artists chosen to paint activities of the U.S. Forces in the Pacific for Pentagon archives includes one raised in Torrance, it was announced here this week.

Russell E. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reese Roberts, 1739 Andree Ave., has been selected to spend a month in the Orient making sketches and notes on our nation's defense in that area in preparation for the assignment of depicting on canvas the face of our farflung outposts.

**THE PAINTINGS** made from sketches and notes will become permanent records of this age.

The 48-year-old artist will be one of four selected by the Los Angeles Society of Illustrators at the invitation of the Air Force.

Purpose of the paintings is to depict the relationship of the U.S. Air Force, its human relations, good neighbor policies, armed protection and surveillance with countries throughout the world, according to the announcement of his selection.

**THE WORKS** Roberts and his three colleagues produce will be used as documentary art throughout the world—probably for generations, and (Continued on Page 2)

**REYNOLDS** now has a rigid foil container manufacturing operation, a Reynolds Wrap packaging unit, and warehouse facilities here, according to W. Monroe Wells, vice president of operations for the company.

Announcement of the extrusion press project was cited as "another forward step by Reynolds in providing better quality and service for customers on the Pacific Coast," by W. O. Yates, vice president of the Reynolds Aluminum Sales Co., and Pacific regional general sales manager of Reynolds Metals.

**"THESE NEW** presses, located in the heart of the West Coast's aluminum fabricating area, will give these fabricators on-the-spot delivery," he said.

The new facilities are expected to be placed in operation about the middle of May, and will require about 30 additional employees at the local plant.

When purchase of the site by Reynolds was announced in 1955, company officials estimated that 2000 persons would be employed here when the operation was at planned capacity. Conversion of the plant by the Reynolds firm has been done on a piecemeal basis.



**WIND CASUALTY . . .** Manager George Post of the downtown branch of the California Bank, was happy yesterday that it was a holiday. Strong winds which lashed the area blew in a huge 15-foot section of glass above his desk, cutting a huge gash into the desk top, and slashing his chair. Except for the holiday, he probably would have been seated at his desk, Post said. (Herald Photo)

### Master Plan For Torrance High Ordered

Design of a master plan for the development of the Torrance High School campus was ordered by the board of education Tuesday night after it rejected as too high, bids for a new administration building and a six-classroom addition.

Development of the master plan was called for as the board began studies of the possibilities for expansion with the addition recently of the 26-acre Navy site about two blocks south of the 17-acre campus.

**THE LOWEST** bid of \$463,000 for the project was 17 per cent over the estimated cost, and the architect was instructed to draw new plans. The new plans will be drawn at no cost to the district.

According to the plans bid on this week, the addition would have permitted grouping of the scattered administrative offices of the school, and conversion of those offices into classrooms.

**SEVERAL** alternatives using the recently acquired Navy property have been studied. Among these is the construction of athletic and physical education facilities on the property, and building new classrooms on the current site.

Another consideration would be the construction of a new elementary school on the 26-acre Navy site and adding the present Torrance Elementary site to the Torrance High campus.

**CONSIDERED** but apparently receiving little support would be the construction of a new high school on the Navy (Continued on Page 2)

### Police Seek Extradition From Nevada

Arrangements to return a 43-year-old ex-convict to Torrance from Las Vegas to face charges that he took an estimated \$16,000 from a local market last Friday are being pushed by Torrance police. Arrested in the desert spa Monday was Grady Arthur Webb, a former Salinas motor officer, who was tripped up when a hotel maid found a loaded revolver under his pillow.

Det. Lt. Don Hamilton, chief of Torrance detectives, is in Las Vegas seeking to make arrangements for Webb's extradition to California.

**MARION THOMPSON**, manager of the Lucky Market at 3860 Sepulveda Blvd., identified Webb Monday night through pictures furnished by Las Vegas police. Thompson said Webb was the man who entered his store last Friday afternoon posing as an investigator for the district attorney's office and fled with more than \$16,000 in cash.

Police had traced the bandit to Redondo Beach where a stolen car he had used was found abandoned. From there the trail led to El Segundo by cab, and by another cab to International Airport.

**IT WAS** later determined that the suspect went from there to a downtown hotel, and on Saturday morning took a flight from Burbank to Las Vegas.

Officers arresting Webb in Las Vegas found \$14,775 in currency hidden in a suitcase in his room at the resort hotel.

**AT THE TIME** of his arrest, Webb was free on bail on charges of robbery in Alameda County. He is being held in lieu of \$50,000 bail by Nevada officials.

Police here said yesterday they had been told that Webb spent nine years in McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary for armed robbery.

### Incumbent Board to Seek Vote

Three incumbent members of the board of education whose terms of office would expire this year have filed declarations of candidacy for re-election.

Seeking new terms to the post they now hold are Grace Wright, a member of the original board of education here; Joseph Arnold, who has served more than four years; and Robert Ellis, who was appointed to the board last fall to succeed Walter A. Garbrant who resigned.

Also filing for the April 18 election have been Edward F. Broderick and Jack C. Knibb.

Another candidate, David K. Lyman, has announced his intention to seek election.

No filings were reported yesterday because public offices were closed to observe George Washington's birthday.

### Commission Gets Air Service Bid

Application of Wardair to construct a fixed base operation for air taxi, aircraft charter, sales, and student instruction from the former site of Eagle Aviation on Torrance Municipal Airport will be considered by members of the city's airport commission when they meet at 8 p.m. this evening in the city council chambers.

### Kenya Police Official Visits Torrance Chief

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Police work is the same, by and large, the world over, according to Capt. Anthony Gyles, communications officer for the Kenya police department in the Congo, who adds, "There is nothing like riding a big horse in to break up a rioting mob."

Capt. Gyles is on leave of duty from the strife-torn African area which is making today's newspaper headlines and is conducting a law enforcement survey of techniques and methods used by police departments in countries en route from the province where he is stationed and including cities in the United States. "To see what other blokes are doing as our exchange program is a helluva big thing in our work," he explained.

Officer Gyles is currently visiting with his sister, Mrs. Harold Edner, of 4602 Cadison St., whom he had not seen for 15 years. Both are originally from Bristol, England.

**THE VISITING** police captain spent Monday at the Torrance Police Dept. where he (Continued on Page 2)



**POLICE CONFERENCE . . .** Capt. Anthony Gyles, member of the Kenya, Congo, police department, shows his International Police card to Chief Percy Bennett, Torrance Police Department, who in turn presents his identification in International Chiefs of Police. While visiting in Torrance this week Gyles studied local department methods. (Herald Photo)



**READY FOR FREEWAY . . .** Torrance Water Department crews lower huge casing under roadbed on Yukon Ave. north of 182nd St. to carry city water mains under the San Diego Freeway. The main will be pulled through the casing and reconnected this week. Meantime, a steady stream of trucks began hauling fill dirt up Crenshaw Blvd. to the point where the freeway will cross just north of 190th St. The 3.7 mile project is scheduled for completion next year. (Herald Photo)